

WEST TISBURY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

Date of Meeting: March 1, 2021
Meeting at 5:30 PM at Zoom

Attending: Sean Conley, Nancy Dole, Charlie Kernick, Anne Fisher, Josh Gerhard
Absent: Mark Mazer

Also Attending: Geoff Thors, Anthony Brandon, Kate Warner, Sue Hruby, Alexandra
from WT Library, Angie Gompert, Ron D'Agostino, Robert Hauck, Lynn Hoeft.

We discussed the need for more solar power to make it possible to keep town buildings functioning during emergency situations. There are already plans for solar panels on the library roof, and a battery bank is planned behind the library, but the Howes House doesn't have a roof that is suitable for solar, the town hall has no more room on the roof. Solar on the library would provide ½ to 2/3rds of the library's needs. Est. 50 kw. If there was a solar canopy in the library/howes house parking lot that covered 14 parking spaces, that would add 40kw more.

The thought was to put it on the side of the parking lot next to the Field Gallery, as it would be less visible from the public way than the opposite side of the parking lot. There was a discussion about the suitability of this because of the garden/park that has been created there. There is an open vista there which a solar canopy would change. The feedback from representatives of the Library was strongly negative.

An alternative would be to put it on the opposite side of the parking lot, by the Welles property, which would be more visible from State Road, but also would not intrude on the landscaping, which is minimal in that area. There was less negative reaction to this location.

It was agreed by everyone that the structure would have to be wood, timber frame, and would have to blend into the character of the historic district.

HDC signed off on 4 Certificates of Non Applicability for various temporary and/or maintenance requests by owners in the district.

We have a hearing scheduled for March 15, for an application to demolish an existing twentieth century addition to the original eighteenth century house at 685 Old County Road and replace it with a larger addition, different footprint.

Meeting concluded.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Dole, Secretary
Approved on March 29, 2021